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NEWS TIPS

MAY 19 AND 20: UD'S CITYLINKS 2000 FOCUSES ON COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

From challenging the inequities of bank redlining to eliminating an open air drug market, problems that plague modern neighborhoods can be remedied when communities organize and take action.

The CityLinks 2000 neighborhood conference, "Community Organizing in the 21st Century," will be presented Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, by the Institute for Neighborhood and Community Leadership at the University of Dayton and Dayton Power & Light. All events will be held in Kennedy Union on campus.

Friday, May 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kennedy Union Ballroom — Dinner, keynote speaker and presentation of the Mattie Davis Community Builders Award to Joseph R. Kanak, long-time chair of the Northeast Priority Board and community organizer. The keynote speaker will be Michael Eichler, director of the Consensus Organizing Center at San Diego State University.

Saturday, May 20, Kennedy Union, about 150 expected to attend

- 8 a.m. Registration, Barrett Dining Room on the first floor
- 8:30 a.m. Opening session, Boll Theatre. "The Democratic Promise," a video about Saul Alinsky, will be shown and a panel of local community leaders will discuss the effect this noted early community organizer has had on their work.
- 10:15 a.m. Workshops, Kennedy Union. Sessions will cover bank redlining, Individual Development Accounts that enable the working poor to save for home ownership and practical tips on community organizing. A guide to room numbers will be posted.
- 11:45 a.m. Workshops, Kennedy Union. Sessions will cover payday lenders and an alternative faith-based "grace" loan program set up in Cleveland, neighborhood schools and how they build community, and successful strategies for eliminating negative influences in communities. A guide to room numbers will be posted.

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